

## Media release

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## NBN rollout expands in NSW

An additional 6,600 homes and businesses across eight regions in New South Wales are set to receive fast broadband.

The latest construction maps show the National Broadband Network (NBN) will be rolled out using fibre and fixed wireless technologies across parts of the following regions and communities:

Northern Rivers <ul> <li>Casino     (surrounds)</li> </ul>	Riverina Leeton North (surrounds) Gumly Gumly Wallacetown Wagga Wagga (surrounds)	<ul> <li>Hunter Region</li> <li>Pitnacree</li> <li>Tenambit</li> <li>East Maitland</li> <li>Dungog (Surrounds)</li> <li>Stroud</li> </ul>	Central West Nashdale Spring Creek Spring Hill Windera Ungarie
Liverpool Plains <ul> <li>Quirindi         (surrounds)</li> </ul>	New England • Calala South • Delungra • Armidale (surrounds)	Mid North Coast • Bonville North	South West Slopes <ul> <li>Monteagle</li> <li>Young East (surrounds)</li> </ul>

This continues the momentum of the NBN rollout in New South Wales with over 57,900 home and business owners already connected to the network.\*\*

NBN Co spokesperson Trent Williams, said more people in New South Wales were now a step closer to receiving fast, affordable and reliable broadband.

"The NBN can open up opportunities for families and business owners to participate in the digital economy. Fast broadband can help deliver improved access to e-health resources, online education, teleworking opportunities and entertainment on demand.

"For many farms, homes and businesses in rural and regional New South Wales the rollout of the NBN will provide access to internet speeds and bandwidth that many in the big cities take for granted.

"To be one of the first in your community to connect to the NBN, check our website and call your preferred phone or internet company when it becomes available.

The detailed maps showing the areas to be covered by the network are available at: www.nbnco.com.au/rollout/rollout-map. \*\*\*

On average it takes around 12 months from the start of construction until residents and business owners can access services over the NBN from phone and internet providers. A list of service providers can be found at www.nbnco.com.au/serviceproviders.

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## Notes to editors

- As part of the Statement of Expectations released in April 2014, NBN Co is working to ensure all Australians have access to fast broadband as soon as possible, at affordable prices, and at the least cost to taxpayers. The Statement provides for the NBN to be built in the most cost-effective way using the technology best matched to each area of Australia.
- The rollout maps on the NBN Co website are intended to be an accurate picture of the state of the rollout as it stands today. The maps will be updated as the shape of future rollout becomes clearer.
- People who can order a service from their phone company or internet provider and want to make the switch to the NBN now should search 'getting connected' on the nbnco.com.au website.
- Home and business owners in the fixed line footprint who are scheduled to have their landline phone, ADSL internet and Telstra cable internet services disconnected on a particular date will receive letters from NBN Co with details about how to switch to the NBN. Services not replaced by the NBN include some TransACT, OptiComm, some Telstra Velocity services and others. For a full list please visit www.nbnco.com.au/switchoff or call NBN Co on 1800 687 626. Optus cable internet services may also be switched off on a different date and existing customers will be advised separately.
- In fixed wireless areas copper phone lines will remain in place to provide a landline telephone service. Before the network equipment is installed for a fixed wireless service, a validation test will be carried out.
- Premises which are unable to be served by fixed wireless may be able to receive NBN Co's long term satellite service when it becomes available. Visit <u>www.nbnco.com.au/satellite</u> for more information.
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\*Your experience including the speeds actually achieved over the NBN depends on some factors outside our control like your equipment quality, software, broadband plans and how your service provider designs its network.

\*\*Premises activated as reported in the National Broadband Network – Rollout information weekly summary.

\*\*\*The new rollout maps identify one or more areas where NBN Co has commenced building or intends to build the NBN. From the commencement of work through to when a construction area "goes live", NBN Co undertakes a series of steps that may result in changes to the design of the network in the respective area, possibly involving the movement of the boundaries. NBN Co may update the map in the future in the event of boundary changes.